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DAN RATHER: Seldom, if ever, is a reporter let into the world of spies and counterspies, intelligence and counter-intelligence, a country's most closely guarded secrets. But last week the man who ran the CIA for the last four years agreed to share some of his world with us. A career naval officer, Admiral Stansfield Turner was plucked from obscurity by a fellow classmate of his at Annapolis, a man named Jimmy Carter. At times he must have wished he were back at sea. For under Turner's regime the CIA came under vigorous attack, particularly for allegedly failing to accurately assess the developing situation in Iran.

We talked to Admiral Turner at his home in Virginia.

Now does Iran stand as an intelligence failure? Not just during your tour at the Central Intelligence Agency, but for American intelligence as a whole, does it represent a failure?

ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER: I don't really think so. I think that's an oversimplification of the issue. And I'm not trying to be defensive here. I think that intelligence in this country, over a long period of time, generally kept the policymakers aware that there were problems developing in Iran. When you come to predicting an actual revolution or coup that's another thing and it's much more difficult, much more problematic.

But the real, fundamental issue is were we telling the policymakers that there were difficult situations in Iran that were going to cause trouble in the future? And I think we generally were.

RATHER: But the House Intelligence Committee disagrees with Admiral Turner. It published a report in January 1979 accu-